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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

This is in response to the outstanding office communication dated
September 9, 2004.

Please amend the application as set out below.

All necessary fees in connection with this response should be deducted
from Deposit Account No. 01-1944.

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Claims 4 and 6-7 are dependant claims which depend from independent Claim 1 and are therefore belief patentable for the same reasons as given heretofore in connection with the patentability of Claim 1.

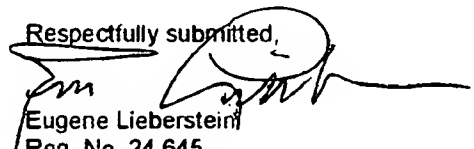
New Claims 19-22 correspond to original Claims 8-11 which have been cancelled. For each of the Claims 19-22 read in independent form and include all the limitations of the base claims of the corresponding Claims 8-11. Accordingly, Claims 19-22 are believed allowable.

For all of the above reasons, Claims 1-7, 12-18 and 19-22 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

The examiner is respectfully requested to return to applicant a copy of the IDS which applicant filed with the patent office on November 28, 2001, initiated by the Examiner. Applicant has noticed that the IDS does not include the initials of the examiner. This is requested to make sure that the IDS filed on November 28, 2001 has been entered and the references will be made of record.

Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-7, 12-18 and 19-22 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 9, 2004.

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Dated: Dec. 9, 2004